

Listening Guide 2/21/10

“Is There More To Life Than Me?” Series

Part 7: “The Worst in Me” Jonah 4:4-9

1. Serving God brings out the _____ in me.
Jonah 4:5

2. Serving God brings out the desire for short-term
_____. Jonah 4:4

3. Serving God brings out the _____ - _____ in
me. Jonah 4:8

4. Serving God brings out the _____ in me.
Jonah 4:9

Getting Started:
Tell about a recent movie you enjoyed.

If you could be given another talent or ability, what would you want it to be? How would you use it?

Into the Bible and Application:

Which of the four characteristics we see from Jonah's life is the one you relate to the most? In what way(s) has serving God brought out the worst in you?

Read Matthew 20:1-16. Why are the workers hired at the beginning of the day upset with the landowner? Is there someone/a group of people in your life that you feel are unworthy of God's grace, generosity, and mercy? Based upon this passage, what would God's response to your feelings?

Looking back from when you were younger to where you are now, how has God worked in your life to redeem character flaws in your life? What did He use to bring this change about?

Read Acts 15:1-21. What was the question that Paul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem to have the Apostles and elders answer? Even from the beginning of the Church, people have always questioned who should be allowed to join. Do you think that there are any segments of our society that we as a church question whether or not they should be allowed to join the Church? If so, what could we do to correct this?

Read Nehemiah 9:16-19. We often forget what God has forgiven us for and the miracles He has worked in our lives. Take a few moments to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you things that you may have forgotten that God has done for you or to help you realize how God has been patient and forgiven you.

When you think about God's kindness, graciousness, forgiveness and mercy, what Bible passages and people from your life come to mind?